

Greece

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GREECE'S KARAMANLIS CRITICIZES U.S., USSR IN LE MONDE INTERVIEW
AT 131035 ATHENS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN GREEK 1838 GMT 13 APR 73 AT

(TEXT) IN HIS INTERVIEW WITH THE FRENCH PAPER LE MONDE, PREMIER KARAMANLIS CRITICIZES THE STAND OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE AND STATES THAT EUROPE, AND FRANCE IN PARTICULAR, HAVE THE MEANS TO PLAY AN EFFECTIVE ROLE IN SOLVING THE DIFFERENCES.

THE PREMIER, WHO GAVE THIS INTERVIEW DURING HIS 16-17 APRIL VISIT TO FRANCE, STATED, AMONG OTHER THINGS: THE TWO SUPERPOWERS, DESPITE THEIR NICE TALK, HAVE NOT CONTRIBUTED AS THEY SHOULD HAVE TO THE PROMOTION OF A JUST SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. I DEPEND, HE SAID, ON WORLD PUBLIC OPINION EXPRESSED THROUGH THE UN TO OBLIGE THE TWO SUPERPOWERS TO UNDERTAKE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESTORING INTERNATIONAL ORDER IN THE AREA.

KARAMANLIS THEN EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT THE GOOD FAITH OF TURKEY WHICH, IN HIS OPINION, IS TRYING TO TURN THE CYPRUS TRAGEDY INTO AN OPEN WOUND AND MAKE THE PROBLEM EXPLOSIVE. IT IS INCORCEIVABLE, HE WENT ON, THAT ANKARA HAS CHOSEN TO PRESERVE THE TEMPORARY ADVANTAGES IT HAS ACQUIRED THROUGH FORCE AND ARBITRARINESS AND TO PUT ITSELF IN DANGER OF BEING ISOLATED FROM THE REST OF EUROPE IN THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL FIELDS. (FBIS NOTE: ATHENS ARMED FORCES RADIO AT 2000 GMT AND ATHENS DOMESTIC SERVICE AT 2100 GMT BOTH RENDER THE PRECEDING PHRASE AS XXX IN THE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL FIELDS XXX USING "CULTURAL" INSTEAD OF "POLITICAL.")

ON THIS OCCASION, KARAMANLIS ADDED THAT THE REPRISALS TAKEN BY EUROPE AGAINST THE DICTATORIAL REGIME IN GREECE HAD

SIGNIFICANT RESULTS AND WONDERED: COULD NOT EUROPE QUARANTINE A GOVERNMENT THAT SYSTEMATICALLY VIOLATES THE PRINCIPLES AND RESOLUTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW?

IN HIS INTERVIEW, KARAMANLIS CONFIRMED THAT OUR COUNTRY HAS TAKEN DEFENSIVE MEASURES ALONG ITS BORDERS AND ON CERTAIN ISLANDS AND CONCLUDED: WE DO NOT WANT WAR BUT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO SUSTAIN THE HUMILIATIONS THEY ARE TRYING TO IMPOSE ON US IN ORDER TO AVOID A CLASH. THE TURKISH PROVOCATIONS AGGRAVATE THE TENSION IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN ATHENS AND ANKARA ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. I HAVE THE PAINFUL IMPRESSION THAT TURKEY, FAR FROM SEEKING DETENTE, IS TRYING TO AGITATE THE CRISIS.

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